St. Martin's Lutheran Church

203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, OH 43502
Pastor Steve Basselman

All Saints' Sunday + November 1, 2026

All Saints' Sunday — *November 1, 2026*

The custom of commemorating All Saints' Day began in the mid-300's. All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest.".

Regular text is spoken by the Pastor or Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE **"BIST DU BEI MIR"** (IF THOU BE NEAR) - *J.S. Bach/arr. K. Snell*

BELL

+ Please stand and turn to follow the cross in procession +

OPENING HYMN** ***"For All the Saints"

Verses 1, 2, 6 & 7 – All in unison *Verse 3 – Choir only* *Verses 4 & 5 – All in harmony*

3. Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
4. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;
yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.
and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God. *(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)*

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. *(Romans 6:4-5)*

Thanks be to God!

ETERNAL GOD, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

JESUS CHRIST, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

HOLY SPIRIT, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

*REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you of every time and every place. They left their mark on the earth for us and for generations to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous examples of those who have gone before us, and specifically for the relationships we shared with those we name today. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely with faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Amen

(The names of those who have died in the past year are spoken before the Lord.)

Into your hands we commend them, O merciful Savior, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

(Those wishing to light candles of remembrance for the saints remembered today are asked to come forward during the singing of the hymn "Drawn to the Light" #593.)

HYMN** ***"Drawn to the Light"
ELW 593 ***(Red Hymnal)***

* GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

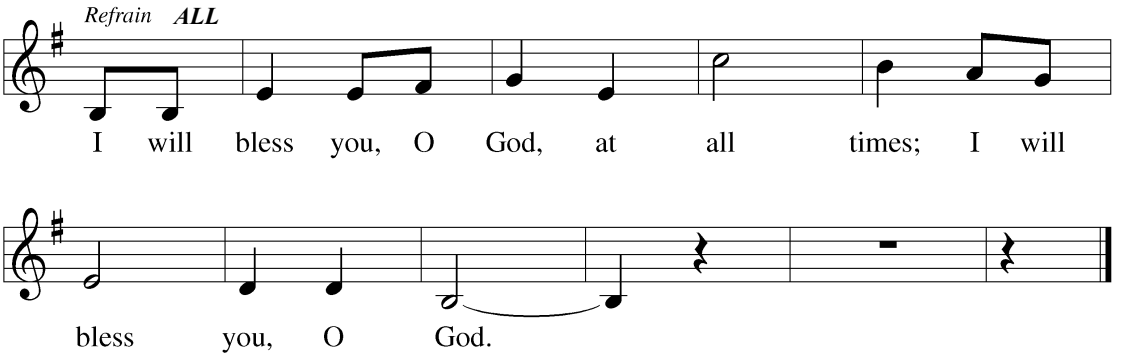
WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING — Revelation 7:9–17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every
nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the
Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice,
saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living
creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and
might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where
have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are
before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who
is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the
sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will
be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe
away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY — Psalm 34



I will bless you, O God, at all times;
your praise will be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul trust in you, O God;
the lowly will hear and be glad. Refrain

O my God, you have eyes for the just;
your ears hear the crying of the poor.
You confront apathy and greed
and loosen their hold on the earth. Refrain

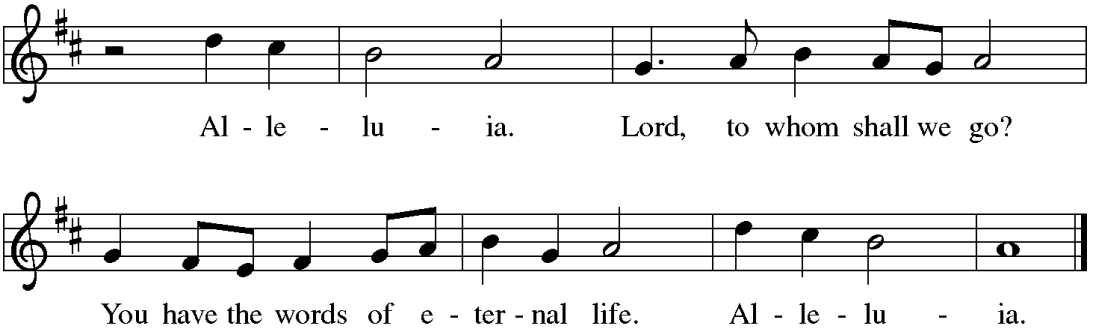
When your children cry out, you will hear,
will rescue your people from distress.
You are peace to the broken heart;
the spirit that's crushed, you caress. Refrain

SECOND READING — 1 John 3:1–3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation



*Holy Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message — *"Multitudes of Blessing"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"Shall We Gather at the River"
ELW 423 ***(Red Hymnal)***

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** – *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

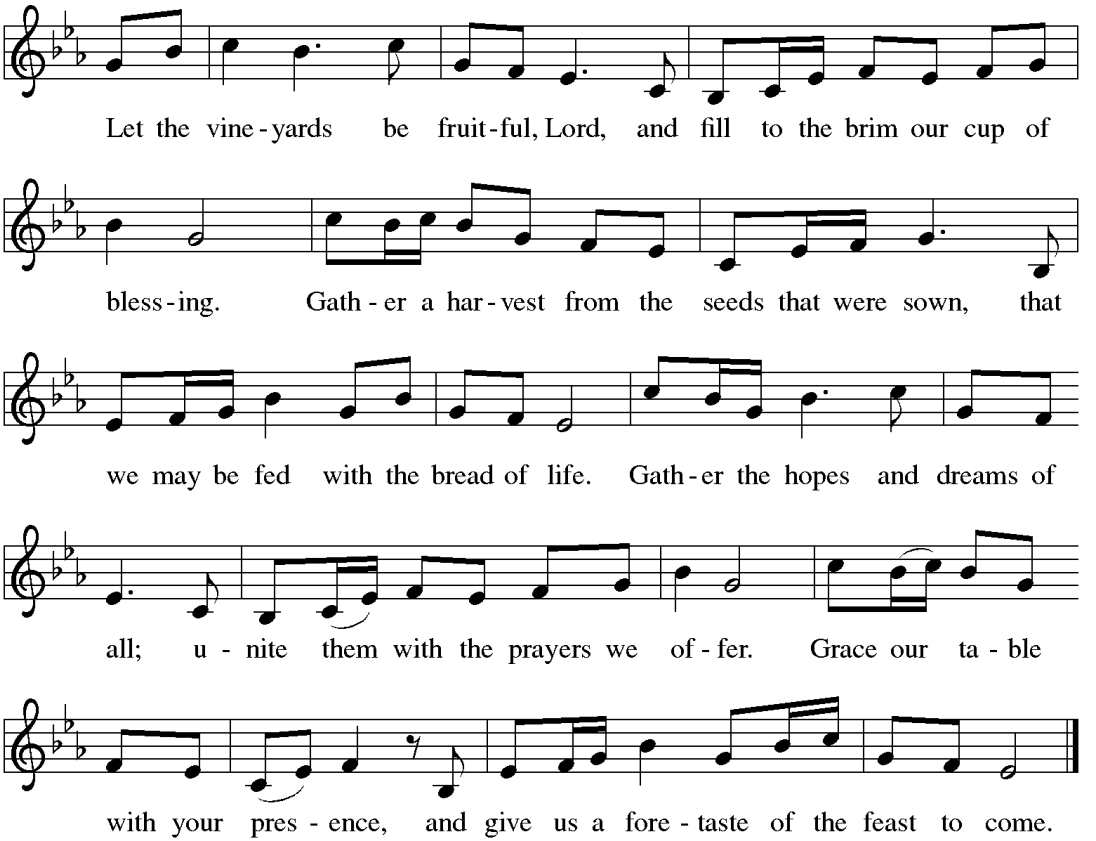
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you. *(We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you")*

OFFERING OF GIFTS **"O HOW GLORIOUS IS THE KINGDOM"**

CHANCEL CHOIR *-PHILIP STOPFORD*

O how glorious is the kingdom
wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.
Clothed with white robes, they follow the Lamb.
Whithersoever He goeth, they follow the Lamb.

* OFFERTORY



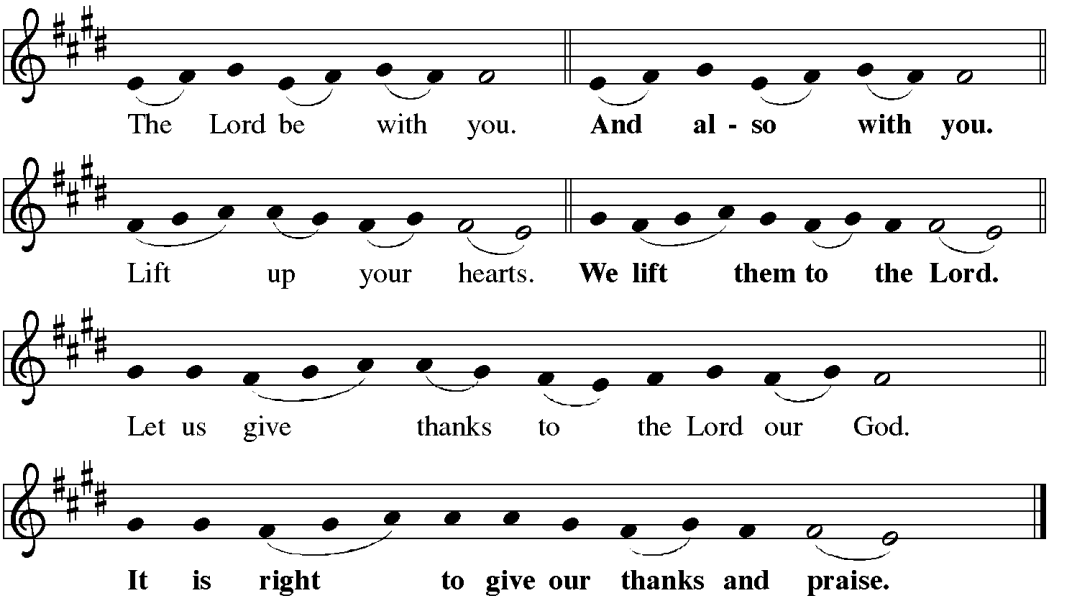
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

* THANKSGIVING

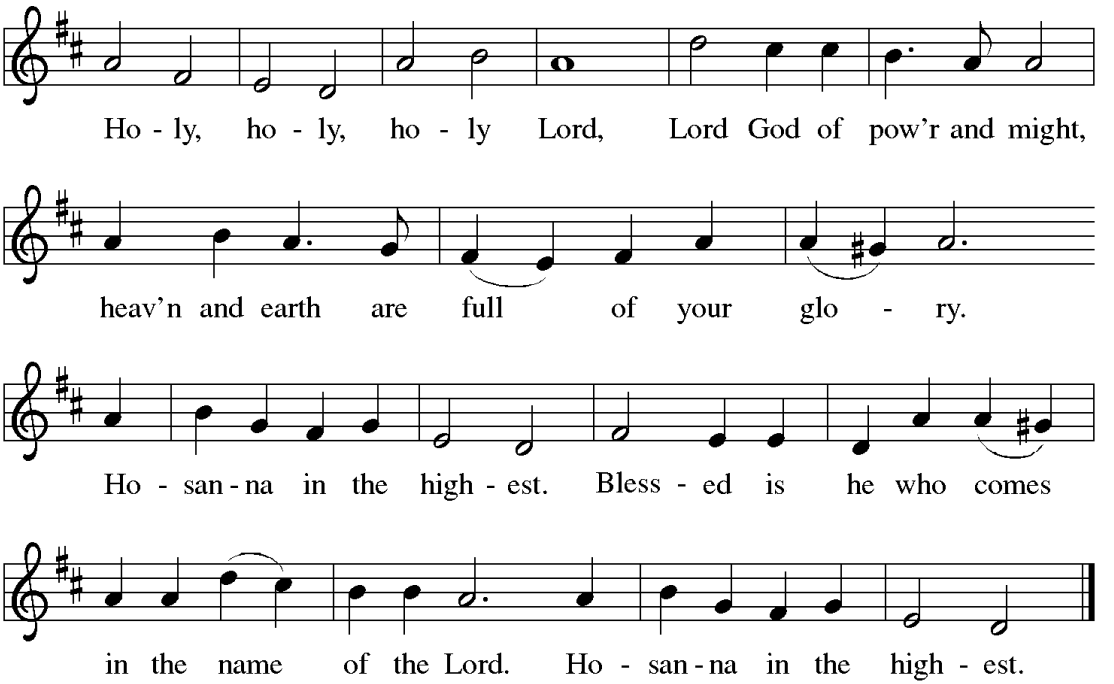


It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with Dan, Tom, Pat, Jacob, Heather, Robert, Thomas, Audrey, Jodi, Sandra, Tristan, Marge, Ruth, Bonnie, Dick, Elizabeth, Debbie, Susan, Dudley, David, Mark, Tara, Patricia, and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who became flesh and lived among us.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice and make all things new in Christ.

Amen, Come, Holy Spirit.

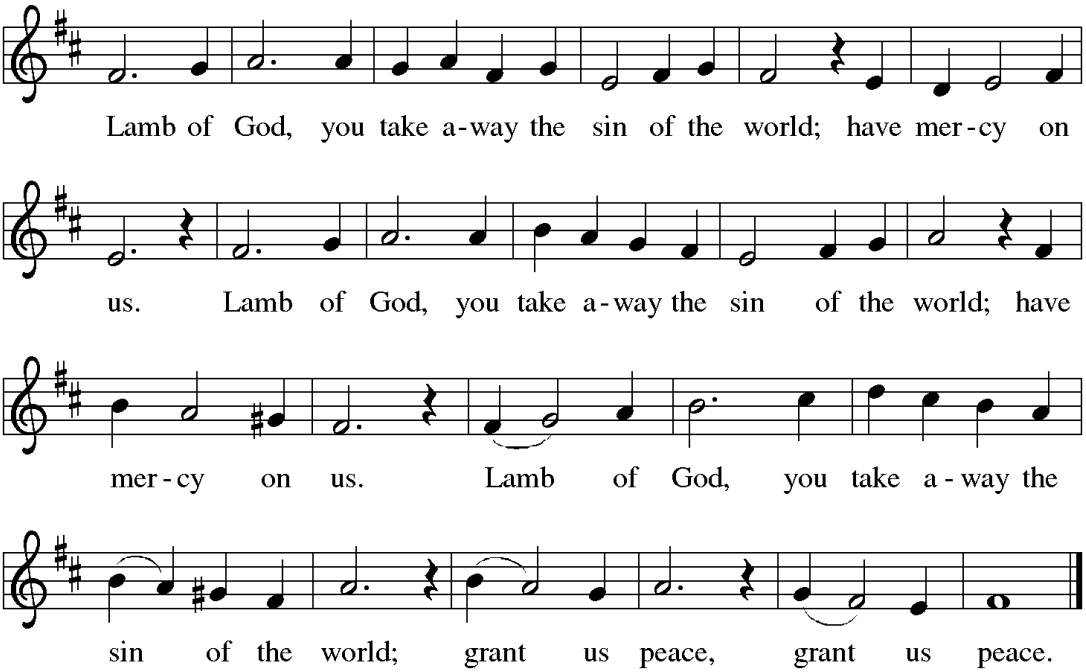
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

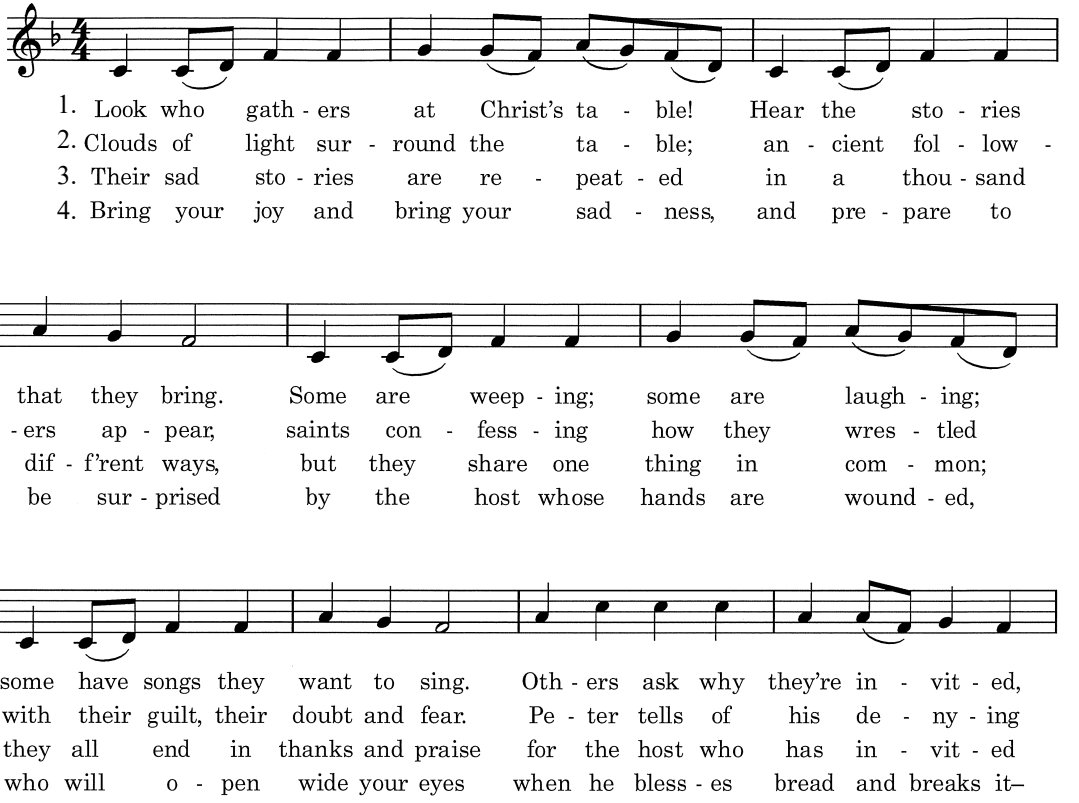
"Lamb of God"

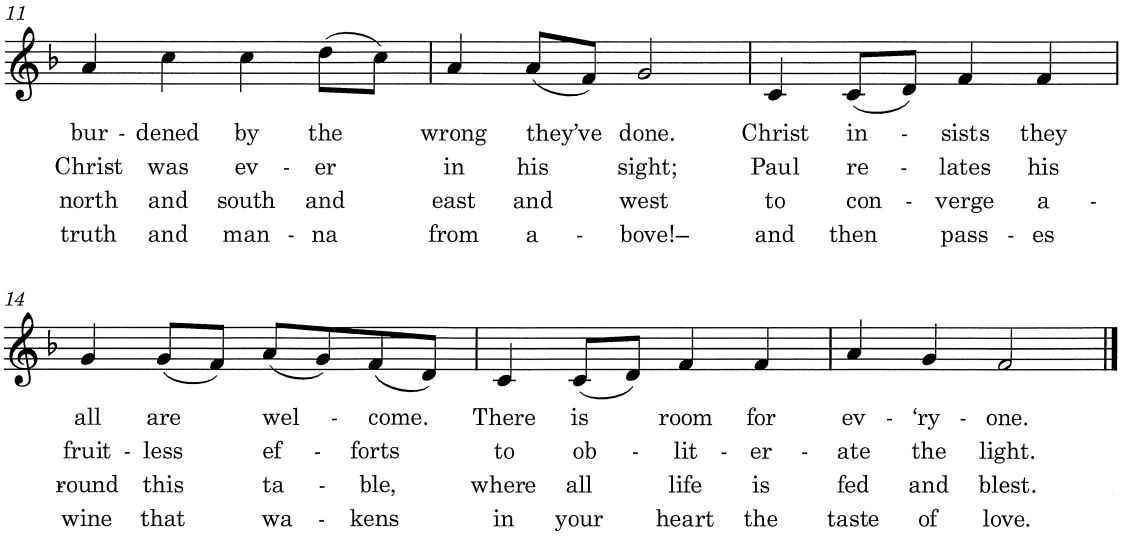


"This is the Feast" – *Isaiah 25:6-8, Revelation 5:12-13*

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

(Please sing Verse 3 in canon)





WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

*** BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen

*** BENEDICTION**

As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
Christ before you to lead you;
Christ behind you to encourage you;
Christ beside you to befriend you;
Christ above you to watch over you;
Christ within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*** CLOSING HYMN** ***"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"***
ELW 873 ***(Red Hymnal)***

Verse 2 – Women and High Voices only
Verse 5 – Men and Low Voices only;
Verse 6 – Please sing in unison

*** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **"GRAND CHOEUR DIALOGUE"**
-Eugene Gigout

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The large white **Paschal Candle** is placed on a stand near the baptismal font as a visual reminder that in our baptism, we are crucified and resurrected with Christ. The candle is lighted at each celebration of Baptism, at which time small baptismal candles are lighted from it for presentation to the baptized or sponsor. This act is a reminder of the integral connection between Baptism and Easter.

The paschal candle is also lit on the Sundays of Easter and for funerals. The paschal candle visually proclaims the message of Romans 6:3-5 (used at the beginning of the funeral liturgy): "In our Baptism we have already died and been raised with Christ." and that our baptisms are completed in death. In our worship today, we centralize our thoughts on the completion of baptism that is celebrated through the remembrance of those who have entered into their eternal reward.

All Saints Day

Today we remember those of our congregation and friends of our congregation who have been received into the Church Triumphant this past year. A family representative is invited to come and light a candle towards the beginning of worship today.

Daniel Avers
November 9, 2025
Member of St. Martin's
Husband of Angie Avers
Father of Richelle & Matthew Avers
Son of Leta Beck

Thomas Avers
March 25, 2026
Member of St. Martin's
Husband of Brenda Avers
Father of Andrea & Eliza Avers
Son of Leta Beck

Jacob Badenhop
March 12, 2026
Son of Jim & Bonnie Badenhop

Patricia Basselman
April 10, 2026
Member of St. Martin's
Mother of Randy, Sandy, Dave, Steve Basselman
Grandmother of Zach and Josh Basselman

Heather Weible Beam
October 14, 2026
Friend of Robin Trudel

Robert Bjorlin
February 9, 2026
Cousin of Dana Bjorlin

Thomas Campbell
July 12, 2026
Winzeler Family

Audrey Dominique
March 3, 2026
Mother in-law of Susan Dominique
Grandmother of Bob Dominique, Kate Dominique,
Gina Benecke, & Maureen Bernath

Jodi Downey
September 16, 2026
Sister of Mark Weaver

Sandra Drevecky
May 30, 2026
Cousin of Dana Bjorlin

Tristan Andres Guzman
July 15, 2026
Grandson of Dianne Parsons

Marge Howell
February 20, 2026
Grandmother of Alexis Howell

Ruth M. Lange
May 11, 2026
Mother of Pam Meyers

Bonnie Lauber
July 2, 2026
Sister in-law of Merrill Short
Aunt of Mike & Jess Short

Dick Nagel
April 5, 2026
Member of St. Martin's
Husband of Melanie Nagel

Elizabeth Ryan
November 5, 2025
Friend of Schmidt Family

Debbie Smith Gensler
May 29, 2026
Aunt of Jodi Grime

Susan Rupp
October 27, 2026
Sister in-law of Greg Rugg

Dudley Shrider
December 16, 2025
Brother in-law of Cecily Rohrs

David C. Strock
July 6, 2026
Brother of Cecily Rohrs

Mark & Tara Thatcher
Mark: December 31, 2025
Tara: April 20, 2019
Members of St. Martin's
Son of Tom Thatcher
Daughter of Nancy Bannister
Parents of Emma, Hayden, & Liam Thatcher
Emma, Hayden & Liam are remembering both of their parents today

Patricia Hendricks Ziegler
June 23, 2026
Friend of Robin Trudel

Lector	-Susan Dominique
Acolytes	- Alexa Schneider, Violet Schneider, Jordyn Schmidt
Organist	- Matthew Wachtman
Trumpet	- Paul Hoverman, Philip Hoverman, Luke Brewster
Horn	- Scott Rogers
Trombone	- Josh Voll, Tony Alessandrini
Percussion	- Mike Short, Jacob Thatcher
Vocalist	- Deb Schnitkey
Usher Team Leader	- Butch & Amy Blankenship
Sound System	- Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	- Joan Meyer & Jessica Short

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The St. Martin's Webstore has some new items! If you would like to order some apparel you can go to https://stmartinsarchbold.itemorder.com, click the link in your Friday email.

The Nominating Team **(Cameron Thompson and Janet Wyse)** is seeking prayerful suggestions for two leadership positions on the **Congregation Council: Vice-President and Treasurer** as well as **one position on the Endowment Committee.** The Council positions terms of office are for two-year terms while the Endowment Committee member is a three-year term.
Eligible candidates must be voting members (confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution on record in the preceding calendar year), regularly attend worship and receive Holy Communion, have actively served in at least one ministry team, and are **not** paid staff members of the Congregation.
If you feel called to serve or would like to suggest names of potential candidates contact the Nominating Team (Cameron Thompson and Janet Wyse) as soon as possible.

If you are out and about and see Halloween Candy on sale, please consider buying to donate to our Parade of Lights Float in November. Please mark and leave for Jake on the stairway to the basement.

Pastor Steve's **Monday Night Bible Study** group this year we'll follow a series of Bible Studies and Topic Discussions. Each topic will last about 4 to 6 weeks. You can jump in or jump out at any time. Email Pastor Steve if you're interested. steveb@the-welcome-place.org

Calling ALL Handbell Ringers to play on this year's St. Martin's Parade of Lights float! No experience necessary! Parade of Lights is Friday, November 27 @ 6pm. We will meet at St. Martin's @ 4:45pm, have a brief rehearsal, and drive to the parade route together. If interested, please email Matthew at matthew@the-welcome-place.org Join us!

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – November 1- All Saints' Sunday
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Middle School Youth, 6:00pm

Monday- November 2
Zoom Study-Bible 101, 7pm

Tuesday – November 3
Men's Breakfast, 7am McDonald's
Parkinson's Group, 1pm
Community Meal @ St. Johns, 5pm
Boy Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday- November 4
Women's Circle, 1pm
After School Program, 3pm
Welcome Place Meal, 5pm
Worship, 6pm
Kids Club, 6pm
Chancel Choir, 6pm
Adult Circle, 6:30pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm
Catechism, 7:15pm

Thursday-November 5
Women's Breakfast, 7am The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – November 8 -Thankoffering
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Middle School Youth, 6:00pm

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Whitney Wyse, Office Manager
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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook
6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

Online Giving - Mobile Access

Mobile users can now access the giving page to set up recurring donations or make one-time donations directly from phones using this QR code.
To change or delete recurring donations you will still need to go to: **https://givingtools.com** and sign in to your account.

Last Week at St. Martin's. . .
Week of 10/25/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$4,278.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$3,475.00		
Total Income	$7,753.00	**AS OF 9/30/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$278,369.34
		YTD Operating Expenses	($306,088.47)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	115/20/135	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(27,719.13)